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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner:
A. GALET, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/101,601) Art Unit:
Filed: January 9, 1997)
For: IMPROVEMENT TO AN)
ELECTROACOUSTIC)
COMMUNICATION DEVICE)
FOR USE ON PROTECTIVE)
HEADGEAR)
Attorney Docket No.:) Cleveland, OH 44114
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Abstract: *N.E. need separate page*

Please insert the following abstract:

-- Abstract of the Disclosure

A protective headgear (30) equipped with an electroacoustic communication device (1) includes a sensor (2), such as a microphone, and a receiver (3), such as an earphone, which are arranged in a housing (4). The housing (4) which houses the sensor (2) and the receiver (3) also has a connection tab (5) which attaches to a connecting guide (53) on the protective headgear to allow attachment of the housing (4) to the headgear (30). The headgear (30) includes a deformable lining (41) with a headband (46) with a deformable partition (47). The headband (46) is fixed to the headgear (30) by at least one lateral guide (53) holding the communication device in the housing (4). This arrangement allows for a simple communication device to be attached to a very sturdy headgear for use in hazardous environments. --